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Amendments to the ClaimsRECEIVED
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Please rewrite claims 1, 6, 8 and 10. Please cancel claim 4.

1. (Currently Amended) A recording or reproduction apparatus for optical recording media

with means for parallel orientation of the scanning device with respect to the surface of the recording medium, wherein a tensioning element is provided, by means of which a guide rod of the scanning device in an adjustable manner in a plane corresponding to the cross section of the guide rod is fixed on a base plate in order to avoid a force transmission leading to bending the guide rod,

wherein the tensioning element is embodied with a lug engaging into a cutout of a shaped portion of the baseplate and as a spring element enclosing the shaped portion, said spring element being self-retaining.

2. (Previously Presented) The recording or reproduction apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein an adjusting screw is provided for adjusting the guide rod, which adjusting screw is arranged in a shaped portion of the baseplate and on the end face of which adjusting screw is fixed the guide rod, for parallel orientation of the scanning device with respect to the surface of the recording medium or with respect to the surface of a disc turntable that receives the recording medium, by means of the tensioning element.
3. (Previously Presented) The recording or reproduction apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the tensioning element is a spring element which is shaped in desk-like fashion and whose chamfer fixes the guide rod on the end face of the adjusting screw in an adjustable manner.
4. (Cancelled)

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5. (Previously Presented) The recording or reproduction apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fixing of the guide rod by means of the tensioning element in a plane corresponding to the cross section of the guide rod is provided as a three-point fixing at the periphery of the guide rod.
6. (Currently Amended) ~~The recording or reproduction apparatus as claimed in claim 1, A recording or reproduction apparatus for optical recording media~~
with means for parallel orientation of the scanning device with respect to the surface of the recording medium, wherein a tensioning element is provided, by means of which a guide rod of the scanning device in an adjustable manner in a plane corresponding to the cross section of the guide rod is fixed on a base plate in order to avoid a force transmission leading to bending the guide rod.
wherein the tensioning element has a bead provided for a linear fixing of the guide rod on a shaped portion and the guide rod can be adjusted by means of an adjusting screw at an angle to the linear fixing of the guide rod.
7. (Previously Presented) The recording or reproduction apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein a shaped portion having two limbs arranged at an angle to one another is provided on the baseplate, on which limbs the guide rod is fixed in an adjustable manner by means of the tensioning element.
8. (Currently Amended) ~~The recording or reproduction apparatus as claimed in claim 1, A recording or reproduction apparatus for optical recording media~~
with means for parallel orientation of the scanning device with respect to the surface of the recording medium, wherein a tensioning element is provided, by means of which a guide rod of the scanning device in an adjustable manner in a plane corresponding to

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the cross section of the guide rod is fixed on a base plate in order to avoid a force transmission leading to bending the guide rod.

wherein a shaped portion having two limbs arranged at an angle to one another is provided on the baseplate, of which limbs one limb receives, in a threaded hole, an adjusting screw for parallel orientation of the guide rod with respect to a surface of the recording medium, and the other limb has a rib and the tensioning element fixes the guide rod in an adjustable manner with the end face of the adjusting screw and in a manner bearing on the rib of the limb of the shaped portion of the baseplate.

9. (Previously Presented) The recording or reproduction apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein the center of the end face of the adjusting screw, the rib of the limb of the shaped portion of the baseplate and a bead of the tensioning element are arranged in a plane corresponding to the cross section of the guide rod.
10. (Currently Amended) The recording or reproduction apparatus as claimed in claim 4 6, wherein the tensioning element is a desk-like spring element whose chamfer arranges the guide rod on a shaped portion of the baseplate, in which an adjusting screw is arranged, in an adjustable manner by wrapping around the shaped portion.